

Annual Report

FOR THE TOWN OF

BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE



Year ending December 31, 1956

TOWN OF BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Annual Report

OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1956

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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS—1956

Moderator—Ira E. Elliott
James J. Page (from November 6, 1956)

Town Clerk—Margaret E. Elliott
Ruth F. Page (from August 20, 1956)

Selectmen

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Joseph Boutin, Jr. | Term expires 1957 |
| James J. Page | Term expires 1958 |
| John Boutin, Sr. | Term expires 1959 |

Treasurer
Priscilla Boutin

Tax Collector
Lulu M. Clark
Francis H. Lackie
(from November 6, 1956)

Highway Agent
John Boutin, Jr.

Supervisors of the Checklist

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| Ethel A. Boutin | | Forrest E. Clark |
| | Lena Collins | |

Constable
Ethel A. Boutin

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber
James J. Page

Library Trustees

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Vevah Leonard | Term expires 1957 |
| Lulu M. Clark | Term expires 1958 |
| Seraphine Harris | Term expires 1959 |

Librarian
Vevah Leonard

Trustees of Trust Funds

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| James M. Leonard | Term expires 1957 |
| Forrest E. Clark | Term expires 1958 |
| Ira E. Elliott | Term expires 1959 |

Auditor

Ethel A. Boutin

School Board Members

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Lulu M. Clark | Term expires 1957 |
| James M. Leonard | Term expires 1958 |
| Ethel A. Boutin | Term expires 1959 |

Sextons

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Ira E. Elliott | Moutain View Cemetery |
| Joseph Boutin, Jr. | East Cemetery |
| James J. Page | South Cemeteries |

Fence Viewers

| | |
|-------------|---------------|
| Iona Boutin | Albert Boutin |
|-------------|---------------|

Ballot Clerks

| | | |
|---|----------------|-----------------|
| Iona Boutin | William Harris | Mildred Elliott |
| Lulu M. Clark (to September 11, 1956) | | |
| Margaret E. Elliott (September 11-November 6, 1956) | | |
| Grace Gregory (from November 6, 1956) | | |

Health Officer

John Boutin, Sr.

Relief Agent

Ethel A. Boutin

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next (the 12th) at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to vote and act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk; one Selectman for three years, Joseph Boutin, Jr., being the outgoing member; one Tax Collector; one Treasurer; one Highway Agent; one Auditor; and all other necessary town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$70.08 as the Town's share for construction of highways (Town Road Aid).

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$13.27 to the White Mountains Region Association for the purpose of issuing and distributing printed matter and advertising and otherwise publicizing the advantages of the Town in cooperation with the other 45 towns in the region.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100.00 for continuing White Pine Blister Rust Control in connection with the State Forestry and Recreation Commission.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year as recommended in the budget, and raise and appropriate all sums so determined.

Article 6. To hear the reports of officers and agents and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a discount of 2 percent on property taxes paid before a date authorized by the Selectmen.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or sell any real estate acquired through Tax Collector's deeds.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to dispense with the delivery of inventory blanks until April 1st.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to observe Memorial Day as in past years.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote by ballot to authorize the playing of beano in said Town.

Article 13. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 29th day of January, A.D., 1957.

JOSEPH BOUTIN, JR.

JAMES J. PAGE

JOHN BOUTIN, SR.

Selectmen of Benton

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON—1957

Estimates of Revenue for the Year 1957 Compared with Actual
Revenue for the Year 1956

| SOURCES OF REVENUE | Actual 1956 | Estimated 1957 |
|---|----------------|-------------------|
| From State of New Hampshire | | |
| Interest and Dividends Tax | \$ 136.53 | \$ 130.00 |
| Railroad Tax | 11.42 | |
| Savings Bank Tax | 8.92 | 8.00 |
| Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands | 1,276.25 | 1,000.00 |
| Reimbursement a/c State Head Tax | 34.12 | |
| Road Toll Refund | 10.36 | |
| State Share Town Road Aid | 468.45 | 467.18 |
| National Forest Reserve (one-half) | 400.15 | 400.00 |
| Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance | 42.37 | |
| Class V Highway Maintenance Allotment | 188.48 | 188.48 |
| From Local Sources Except Taxes | | |
| Dog Licenses | 37.00 | 40.00 |
| Interest Received on Taxes | 73.41 | 50.00 |
| Income from Trust Funds | 121.20 | 120.00 |
| Income from Town Truck | 570.35 | 500.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 499.99 | 475.00 |
| From Local Taxes Other than Property Taxes | | |
| Poll Taxes | 114.00 | 120.00 |
| Yield Taxes | 232.13 | 150.00 |
| Total Revenues from all Sources | | |
| Except Property Taxes | \$ 4,225.13 | \$ 3,648.66 |
| Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes | | 6,173.87 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | | \$ 9,822.53 |

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON—1957

Estimates of Expenditures for the Year 1957 Compared with
Actual Expenditures for the Year 1956

| PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES | Actual 1956 | Estimated 1957 |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|
| Current Maintenance Expenses | | |
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$ 477.60 | \$ 500.00 |
| Town's Officers' Expenses | 409.68 | 400.00 |
| Election and Registration Expenses | 428.70 | 100.00 |
| Expenses Community Building | 366.15 | 150.00 |
| Police Department | 10.00 | 15.00 |
| Fire Department | 53.80 | 100.00 |
| Blister Rust Control | | 100.00 |
| Health Department | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Vital Statistics | 4.50 | 5.00 |
| Town Road Maintenance—Summer | 734.95 | 800.00 |
| Town Road Maintenance—Winter | 869.69 | 1,000.00 |
| Town Truck Expenses | 496.55 | 700.00 |
| Town Road Aid | 70.27 | 70.08 |
| Library | 12.00 | 12.00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 473.65 | 350.00 |
| Memorial Day | 24.52 | 25.00 |
| Cemeteries | 135.60 | 150.00 |
| Regional Association | 12.68 | 13.27 |
| Interest on Temporary Loans | 74.75 | 60.00 |
| Interest on Long Term Notes | 101.83 | 50.00 |
| Indebtedness | | |
| Long Term Note—Accelerated TRA Program | 1,220.68 | 467.18 |
| Payments to Other Governmental Divisions | | |
| County Tax | 241.89 | 250.00 |
| School Tax | 4,002.52 | 4,500.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | <u>\$ 10,227.01</u> | <u>\$ 9,822.53</u> |

SUMMARY INVENTORY—1956

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Land and Buildings | \$88,475.00 |
| Electric Plants | |
| New England Power Company | \$28,750.00 |
| N. H. Electric Coop., Inc. | 3,825.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 32,575.00 |
| Stock in Trade | 500.00 |
| Horses (8) | 675.00 |
| Cows (109) | 10,900.00 |
| Neat Stock (20) | 1,500.00 |
| Goats (4) | 40.00 |
| Gasoline Pumps and Tanks (2) | 150.00 |
| Lumber | 250.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Gross Valuation | \$135,065.00 |
| Less: Soldiers' Exemptions and | |
| Exemptions to Blind | -5,100.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Net Valuation on which Tax | |
| Rate is Computed | \$129,965.00 |
| Amount of Property Valuation Exempted to Veterans | \$4,600.00 |
| Amount of Property Valuation Exempted to Blind | 500.00 |
| Number of Inventories Distributed | 79 |
| Number of Inventories Returned | 33 |
| Number of Veterans who Received Property Exemption | 5 |
| Number of Veterans Exempted from Poll Tax | 10 |

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE TAX YEAR 1956

Appropriations

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$ 500.00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 400.00 |
| Election and Registration Expenses | 300.00 |
| Town Buildings Maintenance | 400.00 |
| Police Department | 15.00 |
| Fire Department | 100.00 |
| Health Department | 5.00 |
| Vital Statistics | 5.00 |
| Town Road Aid | 70.27 |
| Town Road Maintenance—Summer | 1,000.00 |
| Town Road Maintenance—Winter | 800.00 |
| Town Truck Expenses | 900.00 |
| Library | 12.00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 600.00 |
| Memorial Day | 25.00 |
| Cemeteries | 175.00 |
| Regional Association | 12.68 |
| Payments on Debt | 760.02 |
| Interest | 120.00 |
| County Tax | 241.89 |
| School Tax | 4,622.36 |

TOTAL TOWN AND SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS

\$ 11,064.22

Estimated Revenues and Credits

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Interest and Dividends Tax | \$ 136.84 |
| Railroad Tax | 10.00 |
| Savings Bank Tax | 3.00 |
| Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands | 500.00 |
| Revenue from Yield Tax Sources | 139.59 |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 400.00 |
| Dog Licenses | 45.00 |
| Rent of Town Truck | 1,000.00 |
| Interest on Taxes and Income from Trust Funds | 165.00 |
| National Forest Reserve (one-half) | 450.00 |
| Class V Highway Maintenance Allotment | 188.48 |

TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS

\$ 3,037.91

Plus Overlay

\$ 8,026.31
90.54

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION

\$ 8,116.85

Less 62 Poll Taxes @ \$2.00

124.00

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES \$ 7,992.85

Net Valuation \$129,965.00 × Tax Rate \$6.15 = \$7,992.85

Comparative Statement Of Appropriations and Expenditures, Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1956

| Title of Appropriation | Receipts and | | Total Amount Available | Expended | Unexpended Balance | | Overdraft |
|------------------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|----|-----------|
| | Amount | Reimbursements | | | | | |
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$ 500.00 | \$ | \$ 500.00 | \$ 477.60 | \$ 22.40 | \$ | |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 400.00 | | 400.00 | 409.68 | | | 9.68 |
| Election and Registration | 300.00 | | 300.00 | 428.70 | | | 128.70 |
| Town Buildings Maintenance | 400.00 | 220.00a | 620.00 | 366.15 | 253.85 | | |
| Police Department | 15.00 | | 15.00 | 10.00 | 5.00 | | |
| Fire Department | 100.00 | | 100.00 | 53.80 | 46.20 | | |
| Health Department | 5.00 | | 5.00 | 5.00 | | | |
| Vital Statistics | 5.00 | | 5.00 | 4.50 | .50 | | |
| Town Road Maintenance—Summer | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 | 734.95 | 265.05 | | |
| Town Road Maintenance—Winter | 800.00 | | 800.00 | 869.69 | | | 69.69 |
| Town Truck Expenses | 900.00 | 10.36b | 910.36 | 496.55 | 413.81 | | |
| Town Road Aid | 70.27 | | 70.27 | 70.27 | | | |
| Library | 12.00 | | 12.00 | 12.00 | | | |
| Old Age Assistance | 600.00 | 42.37c | 642.37 | 473.65 | 168.72 | | |
| Memorial Day | 25.00 | | 25.00 | 24.52 | .48 | | |
| Cemeteries | 175.00 | | 175.00 | 135.60 | 39.40 | | |
| Regional Association | 12.68 | | 12.68 | 12.68 | | | |
| Interest | 120.00 | | 120.00 | 176.58 | | | 56.58 |
| Principal of Debt | 760.02 | 468.45d | 1,228.47 | 1,228.68 | 7.79 | | |
| County Tax | 241.89 | | 241.89 | 241.89 | | | |
| School Tax | 4,622.36 | | 4,622.36 | 4,002.52 | 619.84 | | |
| | \$ 11,064.22 | \$ 741.18 | \$ 11,805.40 | \$ 10,227.01 | \$ 1,843.04 | \$ | 264.65 |
| | | | | Overdraft | -264.65 | | |
| | | | | Net Unexpended Balance | \$ 1,578.39 | | |

- a) Unexpended 1955 Special Appropriation
 b) Road Toll Refund
 c) Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance
 d) State Share, Town Road Aid

TOWN OF BENTON—BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1956

Assets

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Cash in hands of Treasurer 12/31/56 | \$2,999.79 |
|-------------------------------------|------------|

Unredeemed Taxes

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| Levy of 1955 | \$235.26 |
| Levy of 1954 | 62.00 |
| Previous Years | 212.80 |

510.06

Uncollected Taxes

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Levy of 1956 | \$2,197.14 |
| Levy of 1955 | 40.40 |
| Levy of 1954 | 6.16 |
| Previous Years | 23.63 |
| State Head Taxes—Levy of 1956 | 180.00 |
| State Head Taxes—Previous Years | 10.00 |

2,457.33

Total Assets

\$5,967.18

Liabilities

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Reserve a/c Future Yield Tax Loss | \$178.11 |
| Due to State, State Head Taxes | |
| 1956 | 180.00 |
| Due to School District | |
| Balance of Appropriation | 3,313.48 |
| National Forest Reserve | |
| (one-half) | 400.15 |

\$4,071.74

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Long Term Outstanding Accelerated TRA Program | 1,061.28 |
| Total Liabilities | \$5,133.02 |
| Surplus | 834.16 |
| Grand Total | \$5,967.18 |

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Community Building and School | |
| Land and building | \$5,000.00 |
| Furniture and equipment | 1,000.00 |
| Town Office Building and Library | |
| Land and building | 300.00 |
| Furniture and equipment | 25.00 |
| Highway Department | |
| Truck and snow plow | 3,000.00 |
| Town Safe | 50.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$9,375.00 |

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Received from Motor Vehicle Permits | |
| 1955 Permits (by M. E. Elliott) | \$9.17 |
| 1956 Permits (by M. E. Elliott) | 472.61 |
| 1956 Permits (by R. F. Page) | 18.21 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$499.99 |
| Received from Dog Licenses | |
| 1956 Dog Licenses (by M. E. Elliott) | 12.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$511.99 |
| Vital Statistics | |
| 2 marriages | |
| 4 births | |
| 14 deaths | |

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT
1/1/56-8/20/56

RUTH F. PAGE
8/20/56-12/31/56

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

PROPERTY, POLL, AND YIELD TAX WARRANTS

| Summary of Warrants | DEBIT | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| | Levy of 1956 | Levy of 1956 | Levy of 1955 | Levy of 1955 | Levy of 1954 | Levy of 1953 | Levy of 1952 | Levy of 1951 | Levy of 1950 | |
| Collectors | F. Lackie | L. Clark | F. Lackie | L. Clark | L. Clark | F. Lackie | F. Lackie | F. Lackie | F. Lackie | |
| Uncollected and Unredeemed Taxes | \$3,305.19 | \$7,992.85 | \$ 235.26 | \$1,040.11 | \$ 188.20 | \$ 152.38 | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Property | 78.00 | 124.00 | 6.00 | 42.00 | | | | 4.00 | 8.00 | |
| Poll | 178.23 | | 36.40 | 67.00 | 6.16 | 19.94 | 8.90 | 54.46 | 88.94 | |
| Yield | | 2.00 | | | | | | | | |
| Added Taxes—Poll | | | | 41.23 | 19.11 | | | | | |
| Interest Collected | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Debits | \$3,561.42 | \$8,118.85 | \$ 277.66 | \$1,190.34 | \$ 213.47 | \$ 172.32 | \$ 8.90 | \$ 58.46 | \$ 137.42 | |
| Remittances to Treasurer | CREDIT | | | | | | | | | |
| Property | \$1,295.36 | \$4,608.65 | \$ | \$ 804.85 | \$ 126.20 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Poll | 16.00 | 46.00 | 2.00 | 36.00 | | | | | | |
| Yield | 52.92 | | | 30.60 | | | | | | |
| Interest Collected | | | | 41.23 | 19.11 | | | | | |
| Discount Allowed | | | | | | | | | | |
| Abatements During Year | | 79.01 | | | | | | | | |
| Property | | | | | | | | | | |
| Poll | | | | | | | | 4.00 | 8.00 | |
| Yield | | | | | | | | 54.46 | 88.94 | |
| Added Taxes—Poll | | | 2.00 | | | | | | | |
| Uncollected Taxes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Property | 2,009.83 | 3,305.19 | 4.00 | 6.00 | | | | | | |
| Poll | 62.00 | 78.00 | | | | | | | | |
| Yield | 125.31 | | 36.40 | 36.40 | 6.16 | 14.73 | 8.90 | | | |
| Unredeemed Taxes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Property | | | 235.26 | 235.26 | 62.00 | 152.38 | | | 40.48 | |
| Total Credits | \$3,561.42 | \$8,118.85 | \$ 277.66 | \$1,190.34 | \$ 213.47 | \$ 172.32 | \$ 8.90 | \$ 58.46 | \$ 137.42 | |

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

STATE HEAD TAX WARRANTS

| Summary of Warrants | Levy of 1956 | Levy of 1956 | Levy of 1955 | Levy of 1955 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Collectors | F. Lackie | L. Clark | F. Lackie | L. Clark |
| DEBIT | | | | |
| Committed to Collector | \$ 230.00 | \$ 360.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 135.00 |
| Added Taxes | | 5.00 | | |
| Penalties | | | .50 | 11.00 |
| Total Debits | \$ 230.00 | \$ 365.00 | \$ 25.50 | \$ 146.00 |
| CREDIT | | | | |
| Remittances to Treasurer | \$ 50.00 | \$ 135.00 | \$ 5.00 | \$ 110.00 |
| Abatements | | | 10.00 | |
| Penalties | | | .50 | 11.00 |
| Uncollected | 180.00 | 230.00 | 10.00 | 25.00 |
| Total Credits | \$ 230.00 | \$ 365.00 | \$ 25.50 | \$ 146.00 |

REPORT OF TREASURER

Received from Francis Lackie, Tax Collector

| | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| 1950 Poll tax abatements | \$8.00 |
| 1950 Yield tax abatements | 88.94 |

 \$96.94

| | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| 1951 Poll tax abatements | \$4.00 |
| 1951 Yield tax abatements | 54.46 |

 58.46

1953 Yield tax abatements 5.21

Received from Lulu Clark, Tax Collector

1953 Costos of advertising and sale 1.57

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| 1954 Property tax collected | \$126.20 |
|-----------------------------|----------|

| | |
|----------------------------|-------|
| 1954 Property tax interest | 17.01 |
|----------------------------|-------|

| | |
|------------------------------------|------|
| 1954 Costs of advertising and sale | 2.10 |
|------------------------------------|------|

 145.31

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| 1955 Property tax collected | \$804.85 |
|-----------------------------|----------|

| | |
|----------------------------|-------|
| 1955 Property tax interest | 30.73 |
|----------------------------|-------|

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| 1955 Costs of advertising and sale | 10.50 |
|------------------------------------|-------|

| | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| 1955 Poll tax collected | 36.00 |
|-------------------------|-------|

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| 1955 Yield tax collected | 30.60 |
|--------------------------|-------|

| | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| 1955 Head tax collected | 110.00 |
|-------------------------|--------|

| | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| 1955 Head tax penalties | 11.00 |
|-------------------------|-------|

 1,033.68

Received from Francis Lackie, Tax Collector

| | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| 1955 Poll tax collected | \$2.00 |
|-------------------------|--------|

| | |
|-------------------------|------|
| 1955 Head tax collected | 5.00 |
|-------------------------|------|

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| 1955 Head tax penalties | .50 |
|-------------------------|-----|

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| 1955 Head tax abatements | 10.00 |
|--------------------------|-------|

 17.50

Received from Lulu Clark, Tax Collector

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1956 Property tax collected | \$4,608.65 |
|-----------------------------|------------|

| | | |
|---|------------|----------|
| 1956 Poll tax collected | 48.00 | |
| 1956 Head tax collected | 135.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 4,791.65 |
| Received from Francis Lackie, Tax Collector | | |
| 1956 Property tax collected | \$1,295.36 | |
| 1956 Poll tax collected | 16.00 | |
| 1956 Head tax collected | 50.00 | |
| 1956 Yield tax collected | 52.92 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,414.28 |
| Received from Margaret Elliott, Town Clerk | | |
| 1955 Motor Vehicle Permit fees | \$9.17 | |
| 1956 Motor Vehicle Permit fees | 472.61 | |
| 1956 Dog licenses | 12.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$493.78 |
| Received from Ruth Page, Town Clerk | | |
| 1956 Motor Vehicle Permit fees | | 18.21 |
| Received from Ethel Boutin, Constable | | |
| 1956 Dog licenses | | 25.00 |
| Received from State of New Hampshire | | |
| Reimbursement a/c State and | | |
| Federal lands | \$1,276.25 | |
| National Forest Reserve | 800.30 | |
| Reimbursement a/c Old Age | | |
| Assistance, Matilda Crimmins | 42.37 | |
| Interest and Dividends Tax | 136.53 | |
| 1956 Head Tax Refund | 1.47 | |
| 1955 Head Tax Refund | 32.65 | |
| Savings Bank Tax | 8.92 | |
| Railroad Tax | 11.42 | |
| Town Road Aid, State's share | 468.45 | |
| Town Road Aid, Return of Town's share | 70.27 | |
| Class V Highway Maintenance | | |
| Allotment | 188.48 | |

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|--|----------|-------------|
| Road Toll Refund | 10.36 | |
| | <hr/> | 3,047.47 |
| Received from Town Truck hire | | |
| Town of Benton | \$419.00 | |
| Frank Rodiman | 141.75 | |
| Osmon Collins | 3.60 | |
| John Boutin, Sr. | 6.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 570.35 |
| Received from Trustees of Trust Funds | | |
| For cemeteries | \$62.95 | |
| For highways | 58.25 | |
| | <hr/> | 121.20 |
| Received from Woodsville National Bank | | |
| Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes | | 3,000.00 |
| Payment Stopped on outstanding checks | | 45.49 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total Receipts | | \$14,886.10 |
| Balance on hand 1/1/56 | | 2,315.01 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 17,201.11 |
| Less Selectmen's orders | | -14,192.74 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 3,008.37 |
| Less Bank Charges | | -8.58 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Cash on hand 12/31/56 | | \$2,999.79 |

PRISCILLA BOUTIN

Treasurer

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

From Local Taxes

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Property Taxes—1956 | \$5,904.01 | |
| Poll Taxes—1956 | 64.00 | |
| Yield Taxes—1956 | 52.92 | |
| State Head Taxes—1956 | 185.00 | |
| <hr/> | | |
| Total Current Year's Taxes | | \$6,205.93 |
| Property and Yield Taxes—Previous Years | 1,110.26 | |
| Poll Taxes—Previous Years | 50.00 | |
| Interest Received on Taxes | 61.91 | |
| State Head Taxes—Previous Years | 125.00 | |
| Penalties on State Head Taxes | 11.50 | |

From State of New Hampshire

| | | |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| For Town Road Aid | \$468.45 | |
| Class V Highway Maintenance | | |
| Allotment | 188.48 | |
| Interest and Dividends Tax | 136.53 | |
| Railroad Tax | 11.42 | |
| Savings Bank Tax | 8.92 | |
| Reimbursement a/c State & | | |
| Federal Lands | 1,276.25 | |
| Reimbursement a/c State Head | | |
| Taxes | 34.12 | |
| National Forest Reserve | 800.30 | |
| Road Toll Refund | 10.36 | |
| Reimbursement a/c Old Age | | |
| Assistance | 42.37 | |
| <hr/> | | |
| | | 2,977.20 |

From Local Sources, Except Taxes

| | |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Dog Licenses | \$37.00 |
| Income from Trust Funds | 121.20 |
| Income from Town Truck | 570.35 |
| 1955 Motor Vehicle Permits | 9.17 |

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| 1956 Motor Vehicle Permits | 490.82 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,228.54 |
| Receipts Other than Current Revenue | | |
| Temporary Loans in Anticipation | | |
| of Taxes | \$3,000.00 | |
| Payment Stopped on Outstanding | | |
| Checks Issued Prior to 1956 | 45.49 | |
| | <hr/> | 3,045.49 |
| Cash on Hand January 1, 1956 | | 2,315.01 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Grand Total | | \$17,130.84 |

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Town Officers' Salaries | \$477.60 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 409.68 |
| Election and Registration | |
| Expenses | 428.70 |
| Community Building Expenses | 366.15 |
| Police Department | 10.00 |
| Fire Department | 53.80 |
| Health Department | 5.00 |
| Vital Statistics | 4.50 |
| Town Road Aid | 70.27 |
| Town Road Maintenance | 1,604.64 |
| Town Truck Expenses | 496.55 |
| Library | 12.00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 473.65 |
| Memorial Day | 24.52 |
| Cemeteries | 135.60 |
| Regional Association | 12.68 |
| Abatements and Refunds | 184.61 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$5,025.64 |

Interest

| | |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Paid on Temporary Loans in | |
| Anticipation of Taxes | \$74.75 |
| Paid on long term notes | 101.83 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 176.58 |

Indebtedness

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Payments on Temporary Loans in | |
| Anticipation of Taxes | \$3,000.00 |
| Payments on Long Term Notes | 1,220.68 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 4,220.68 |

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| State Head Taxes paid to | | |
| State Treasurer | \$473.74 | |
| Taxes paid to County | 241.89 | |
| Payments to School District | 4,002.52 | |
| | <hr/> | \$4,718.15 |
| Cash on Hand December 31, 1956 | | 2,999.79 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Grand Total | | \$17,130.84 |

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Detail 1. Town Officers' Salaries

| | |
|---|--------|
| Ira E. Elliott, trustee of trust funds | \$7.20 |
| James M. Leonard, trustee of trust funds | 7.20 |
| Forrest E. Clark, trustee of trust funds | 7.20 |
| Priscilla Boutin, closing 1955 accounts | 20.00 |
| Lulu M. Clark, closing 1955 accounts | 20.00 |
| James J. Page, closing 1955 accounts | 25.00 |
| Ethel A. Boutin, auditing 1955 accounts | 20.00 |
| John Boutin, Sr., assessing | 30.00 |
| James J. Page, assessing | 16.00 |
| Margaret E. Elliott, town clerk 6 months | 25.00 |
| Lulu M. Clark, tax collector 9 months | 37.50 |
| Ethel A. Boutin, special audit | 10.00 |
| Ethel A. Boutin, relief agent | 10.00 |
| Priscilla Boutin, treasurer | 50.00 |
| Francis H. Lackie, tax collector 3 months | 12.50 |
| Ruth F. Page, town clerk 6 months | 25.00 |
| Joseph Boutin, Jr., selectman | 25.00 |
| John Boutin, Sr., selectman | 45.00 |
| James J. Page, selectman | 85.00 |

\$477.60

Detail 2. Town Officers' Expenses

| | |
|--|--------|
| Ira E. Elliott, trustees' expenses | \$2.70 |
| James M. Leonard, trustees' expenses | 4.60 |
| Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc., supplies | 21.97 |
| Assoc. of N. H. Assessors, 1956 dues | 3.00 |
| Priscilla Boutin, postage | 6.05 |
| Ethel A. Boutin, telephone | 1.00 |
| Town & Country Press, supplies | 6.62 |
| R. T. Bartlett Insurance Agency, officers' bonds | 10.00 |
| Town & Country Press, town reports | 161.60 |
| James J. Page, postage and supplies | 2.95 |
| F. J. Shores, Register, transfers | 4.15 |
| George E. Quig Insurance Agency, officers' bonds | 43.60 |

| | |
|---|-------|
| James J. Page, assessing expenses | 5.00 |
| Margaret E. Elliott, gasoline | 4.66 |
| N. H. Tax Collectors' Assoc., 1955 and 1956 dues | 6.00 |
| N. H. City and Town Clerks' Assoc., 1956 dues | 2.00 |
| Lulu M. Clark, expenses and fees | 33.93 |
| Margaret E. Elliott, expenses and fees | 32.20 |
| Courier Printing Co., Inc., supplies | 24.27 |
| U. S. Auto and Truck Guide | 8.00 |
| State Tax Commission, supplies | 2.50 |
| F. J. Shores, Register, tax sale | 4.75 |
| Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co., safe deposit box | 4.40 |
| Francis H. Lackie, supplies and postage | 1.15 |
| Ruth F. Page, fees | 4.00 |
| Woodsville National Bank, charges | 8.58 |

\$409.68

Detail 3. Election and Registration

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc., supplies | \$4.70 |
| Ira E. Elliott, moderator | 24.00 |
| Margaret E. Elliott, town clerk | 8.00 |
| Ruth F. Page, town clerk | 16.00 |
| Lena Collins, supervisor | 80.00 |
| Ethel A. Boutin, supervisor | 80.00 |
| Forrest E. Clark, supervisor | 80.00 |
| Lulu M. Clark, ballot clerk | 8.00 |
| Iona Boutin, ballot clerk | 24.00 |
| William Harris, ballot clerk | 24.00 |
| Mildred Elliott, ballot clerk | 24.00 |
| Margaret E. Elliott, ballot clerk | 8.00 |
| Grace Gregory, ballot clerk | 8.00 |
| Joseph Boutin, Jr., selectman | 24.00 |
| John Boutin, Sr., selectman | 16.00 |

\$428.70

Detail 4. Town Buildings Maintenance

| | |
|----------------------------|---------|
| John G. Elliott, Sr., wood | \$58.00 |
| Joseph Boutin, Jr., wood | 22.00 |

| | |
|---|----------|
| John Boutin, Jr., wood | 8.00 |
| E. W. Bailey & Co., Inc., supplies | 12.87 |
| Joseph Boutin, Jr., labor | 16.00 |
| Repairs to basement of Community Building | |
| Joseph Boutin, Jr., labor | \$99.00 |
| John Boutin, Jr., labor | 28.00 |
| John Boutin, Sr., labor | 13.00 |
| Donald Wheeler, labor | 8.00 |
| Woodsville Building Supply Co., Inc., supplies | 41.42 |
| Scruggs Hardware, supplies | 5.51 |
| E. W. Bailey & Co., Inc., supplies | 40.50 |
| Edith J. Yeaton, supplies | 13.85 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 249.28 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$366.15 |

Detail 5. Police Department

| | |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Ethel A. Boutin, constable | \$10.00 |
|----------------------------|---------|

Detail 6. Fire Department

| | |
|--|---------|
| Woodsville Fire District, fire at Yeaton's | \$53.80 |
|--|---------|

Detail 7. Health Department

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| John Boutin, Sr., health officer | \$5.00 |
|----------------------------------|--------|

Detail 8. Vital Statistics

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Margaret E. Elliott, town clerk | \$3.00 |
| Ruth F. Page, town clerk | 1.50 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$4.50 |

Detail 9. Town Road Aid

| | |
|---|---------|
| State of New Hampshire (Paid to Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank on long term note for accelerated T.R.A. program) | \$70.27 |
|---|---------|

Detail 10. Town Road Maintenance, Summer
Labor

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| John Boutin, Jr., high. agent | \$220.00 |
| Joseph Boutin, Jr. | 71.00 |
| John Boutin, Sr. | 48.00 |
| James Elliott | 22.00 |
| Edward Clough | 16.00 |
| Donald Wheeler | 8.00 |
| Albert Boutin | 5.00 |

\$390.00

Equipment Hire

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| Town of Benton | \$148.50 |
| Arthur Bigelow | 124.00 |
| Page Hill Farms | 20.00 |
| John Boutin, Sr. | 4.50 |

297.00

Gravel

| | |
|------------------|---------|
| Ernest G. Coates | \$25.50 |
| William Clough | 10.50 |
| Page Hill Farms | 8.10 |

44.10

Supplies

| | |
|-----------------------|------|
| Aldrich General Store | 3.85 |
|-----------------------|------|

\$734.95

Detail 11. Town Road Maintenance, Winter
Labor

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| John Boutin, Jr., high. agent | \$267.00 |
| Joseph Boutin, Jr. | 67.30 |
| Donald Wheeler | 24.95 |
| Albert Boutin | 21.00 |
| William Harris | 14.00 |
| John Elliott, Sr. | 12.60 |

| | | |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------|
| John Boutin, Sr. | 4.00 | |
| Joseph N. Boutin | 4.00 | |
| P. R. Gregory, Jr. | 2.70 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$417.55 |
| Equipment Hire | | |
| Town of Benton | 270.50 | |
| Town of Bath | 15.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 285.50 |
| Repairs to Plow | | |
| R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., parts | 76.64 | |
| J. E. Faltin Motor Trans., Inc. | 2.65 | |
| John Boutin, Jr., telephone | 1.40 | |
| Ideal Welding Shop, repairs | 35.70 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 116.39 |
| Supplies | | |
| Holbrook Grocery Co., salt | 28.00 | |
| John Boutin, Sr., posts | 22.25 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 50.25 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$869.69 |

Detail 12. Town Truck Account**Gas and Oil**

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| E. J. Yeaton | \$100.64 |
| Bearse's General Store | 71.47 |
| Margaret E. Elliott | 23.91 |
| Gould's General Store | 19.67 |
| D. H. Fullerton | 14.61 |
| John Boutin, Jr. | 7.60 |
| Slim's Servicenter | 4.55 |
| Bath Garage | 4.45 |
| Aldrich General Store | 3.75 |

 \$250.65

Repairs

| | | |
|----------------------------|-------|--------|
| Slim's Servicenter | 63.35 | |
| D. H. Fullerton | 19.30 | |
| Reed's Service Station | 16.75 | |
| H. O. Taylor Chevrolet Co. | 2.55 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 101.95 |

Insurance

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-------|----------|
| R. T. Bartlett Insurance Agency | 90.80 | |
| Labor driving truck (repair) | | |
| John Boutin, Jr. | 53.15 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$496.55 |

Detail 13. Library

| | |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Vevah Leonard, librarian | \$12.00 |
|--------------------------|---------|

Detail 14. Old Age Assistance

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| State of New Hampshire | \$473.65 |
|------------------------|----------|

Detail 15. Memorial Day

| | | |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| F. J. Norris Co., supplies | \$13.52 | |
| E. B. Mann & Co., supplies | 11.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$24.52 |

Detail 16. Cemeteries**Mt. View Cemetery**

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Ira E. Elliott, labor | \$74.80 | |
| Joseph Boutin, Jr., labor | 6.00 | |
| Scruggs Hardware, supplies | 6.30 | |
| Chamberlin's Greenhouse, sup. | 2.50 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$89.60 |

East Cemetery

| | |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Joseph Boutin, Jr., labor | 31.00 |
|---------------------------|-------|

| | | |
|--|-------|------------|
| Ira E. Elliott, labor | 15.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 46.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$135.60 |
| Detail 17. Regional Association | | |
| White Mountains Region Association | | \$12.68 |
| Detail 18. Payments on Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes | | |
| Woodsville National Bank | | \$3,000.00 |
| Detail 19. Payments on Long Term Notes | | |
| Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank | | |
| Town truck note, final payment | | \$702.23 |
| Accelerated TRA program note | | 518.45 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,220.68 |
| Detail 20. Interest | | |
| Woodsville National Bank, | | |
| on temporary loans | | \$ 74.75 |
| Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, | | |
| on long term notes | | 101.83 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$176.58 |
| Detail 21. County Tax | | |
| L. M. Colby, Treasurer, Grafton County | | \$241.89 |
| Detail 22. School Tax | | |
| Benton School District | | \$4,002.52 |

TRUST FUNDS

Report of Trustees of Trust Funds for Year Ending December 31, 1956

There are in custody of the Trustees the following trust funds bequeathed to the town of Benton. The income shown is that received during the year 1956 and the distribution of income is as specified by the donors of the funds.

| Name of Fund | Amount of Fund | Distribution of Income | | | |
|--|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| | | Cemetery | School | Highway | |
| Ira Whitcher | \$ 513.19 | \$ 12.82 | \$ | \$ | |
| Whitcher and Mann | 500.00 | 8.50 | 2.00 | | 2.00 |
| Whitcher and Mann | 1,000.00 | 15.00 | 5.00 | | 5.00 |
| Whitcher and Mann | 1,750.00 | | 51.25 | | |
| Whitcher and Mann | 1,750.00 | | | | 51.25 |
| L. H. Parker | 200.00 | 5.00 | | | |
| J. C. Speed | 126.08 | 3.16 | | | |
| Samuel Whitcher and William Kendall | 179.00 | 4.50 | | | |
| William T. Torsey | 43.09 | 1.08 | | | |
| Samuel Annis | 43.08 | 1.08 | | | |
| Jonithan Davis | 43.09 | 1.08 | | | |
| George H. Clark | 179.58 | 4.50 | | | |
| Ella Mann | 50.00 | 1.24 | | | |
| Kendrick L. Howe | 50.00 | 1.24 | | | |
| D. M. and K. L. Howe | 100.00 | 2.51 | | | |
| Isabella M. Tyler | 50.00 | 1.24 | | | |
| TOTALS | \$6,577.11 | \$ 62.95 | \$ 58.25 | \$ 58.25 | |

All of the above funds are either deposited in savings accounts in the Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Company or invested in Government Bonds which are stored in a safe deposit box at the Lisbon Bank.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. LEONARD
FORREST E. CLARK
IRA E. ELLIOTT
Trustees

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Highway Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, and Library Trustees and have found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ETHEL A. BOUTIN

Town Auditor

January 29, 1957

LIBRARY REPORT

The Benton Town Library remains inactive. The town is very fortunate to have Bookmobile service regularly. Through this service, any Benton resident may obtain, or order, any book desired, simply by notifying the librarian. Balance in Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, January 1, 1957, \$91.13.

VEVAH LEONARD

Librarian

SERAPHINE HARRIS

Trustee

LULU CLARK

Trustee

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Following is a report of expenditures made by the 1956 Memorial Day Committee.

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| 2 jars coffee | \$ 1.58 |
| 130 paper plates | 1.95 |
| 2 jars pickles | .62 |
| 4 bread | .76 |
| pepper | .29 |
| 8 lbs. peas | 1.84 |
| 4 lbs. salt pork | 1.37 |
| 3 catsup | .74 |
| 5 lbs. sugar | .51 |
| salt | .13 |
| 4 cans milk | .53 |
| 12 lbs. beans | 4.20 |
| 5 gals. ice cream | 11.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 25.52 |
| Donation, C. H. Tyler | 1.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Net Expenditures | \$ 24.52 |
| Unexpended balance | .48 |
| Appropriation | \$ 25.00 |

Memorial Day Committee

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
For Year Ending January 1, 1957

DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Mrs. Ethel Boutin, Chairman | Term Expires 1959 |
| Mrs. Lulu Clark | Term Expires 1957 |
| Mr. James Leonard | Term Expires 1958 |

Other District Officers

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Mr. James Paige | Moderator |
| Mrs. Lena Collins | Treasurer |
| Mrs. Mildred Elliott | Auditor |
| Mrs. Ethel Boutin | Clerk |
| Mr. Forrest Clark | Truant Officer |
| Mr. Ronald A. Perham | Superintendent of Schools |

Teacher

| |
|--------------------|
| Mrs. Romina Boemig |
|--------------------|

Benton Street School Grades 1-8

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton, qualified to vote in district affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet at the School and Community Building in said district on the twelfth day of March, 1957, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects.

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application of such sums as are estimated to be received from

the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

ETHEL BOUTIN
LULU CLARK
JAMES LEONARD
School Board

FINANCIAL REPORT

| | Paid Out | Budget | Paid Out | Proposed |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Administration | 1955-56 | 1956-57 | to Jan. 1, '57 | Budget 1957-58 |
| 1. Salaries of Dist. Officers | \$ 66.50 | \$ 54.50 | \$ 6.00 | \$ 54.50 |
| 2. Supt. Salary (Local Share) | * 65.60 | 50.00 | 59.14 | 52.10 |
| 3. Tax for Statewide Supervision | 50.00 | 50.00 | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| 4. Salaries of Other Adm. Personnel | 48.20 | 40.00 | 52.88 | 40.00 |
| 5. Supplies and Expenses | 57.05 | 50.00 | 3.38 | 60.00 |
| Instruction | | | | |
| 6. Teacher's Salary | 2,784.07 | 2,900.00 | 1,001.42 | 3,100.00 |
| 7. Books and Other Instructional Aids | 46.65 | 100.00 | 38.91 | 100.00 |
| 8. Scholars' Supplies | 98.01 | 100.00 | 96.16 | 100.00 |
| 10. Supplies and Other Expenses | 15.47 | 10.00 | | 10.00 |
| Operation of School Plant | | | | |
| 11. Salaries of Custodians | 410.88 | 450.00 | 170.00 | 410.00 |
| 12. Fuel or Heat | 91.25 | 80.00 | 97.00 | 80.00 |
| 13. Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses | 17.23 | 75.00 | 67.91 | 75.00 |
| Maintenance of School Plant | | | | |
| 14. Repairs and Replacements | 82.55 | 100.00 | 43.33 | 75.00 |
| Auxiliary Activities | | | | |
| 15. Health Supervision | 28.19 | 75.00 | 42.00 | 75.00 |
| 16. Transportation | 601.64 | 400.00 | 43.24 | 300.00 |
| 17. Tuition | 2,366.64 | 3,000.00 | 1,117.50 | 3,000.00 |
| 18. Special Activities and Funds | | 10.00 | | |
| Fixed Charges | | | | |
| 19. Retirement | 197.36 | 200.00 | 61.38 | 215.00 |
| 20. Insurance, Treas. Bond and Expenses | 58.10 | 65.00 | 48.71 | 55.00 |
| Capital Outlay | | | | |
| 23. New Equipment | 85.00 | | | |
| 24. Contingency Fund | | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| TOTAL | \$7,170.39 | \$7,909.50 | \$2,988.96 | \$7,941.60 |

*Superintendent's salary is \$6,850.00. The State pays \$2,750.00. The Union pays \$4,100.00, divided as follows: Benton \$65.60, Easton \$65.80, Franconia \$672.40, Landaff \$123.62, Lincoln \$1,336.80, Lisbon Special \$1,224.67, Lisbon Town \$281.67, Lyman \$134.28, and Sugar Hill \$195.16. Division as determined by law. Report by Act of Legislature in form suggested by State Department of Education.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1957-1958

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1957.

Total amount required to meet School Board's budget as itemized in Column 4 of the Budget Report
\$ 7,941.60

Estimated Income of District

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Balance June 30, 1957 | \$ 120.70 |
| Federal Aid: Forest Reserve | 400.00 |
| State Aid | 2,037.14 |
| Income from Trust Funds | 50.00 |

We recommend that the District adopt the proposed budget and raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,941.60 for the school year 1957-1958.

ETHEL BOUTIN
LULU CLARK
JAMES LEONARD
School Board

Recommended Motion

Moved that the School District raise and appropriate \$7,941.60 and to authorize and direct the School Board to apply against said appropriation such income as is estimated by the School Board, exclusive of State Aid, and upon the determination of the amount of State Aid to be received by the School District during the next fiscal year, to authorize and direct the School Board to apply against such appropriation the sum to be received from State Aid and with the School District Clerk certify to the Selectmen the balance as an assessment to be raised by the town for school purposes.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956

Receipts

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Cash on Hand July 1, 1955 | \$ 106.59 | |
| Federal Aid: Forest Reserve | 449.56 | |
| State Aid: Foundation Aid | 2,817.14 | |
| Appropriation | 3,013.38 | |
| Balance due on prev. approp. | 439.14 | |
| Other Sources: | | |
| Elementary Tuitions | 411.44 | |
| Trust Funds | 53.84 | |
| | | |
| | | \$ 7,291.09 |

Payments

| | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Orders of the School Board | \$ 7,170.39 | |
| Cash on hand June 30, 1956 | 120.70 | |
| | | |
| | | \$ 7,291.09 |

July 1, 1956 to January 1, 1957

Receipts

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Cash on hand July 1, 1956 | \$ 120.70 | |
| State Aid | 2,037.14 | |
| Appropriation | 925.00 | |
| | | |
| | | \$ 3,082.84 |

Payments

| | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Orders of the School Board | \$ 2,988.96 | |
| Cash on hand January 1, 1957 | 93.88 | |
| | | |
| | | \$ 3,082.84 |

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1956

Assets

| | | |
|----------------------------|----|--------|
| Cash on hand June 30, 1956 | \$ | 120.70 |
| Accounts Due to District: | | |
| From Town | | 408.25 |
| | \$ | 528.95 |

Liabilities

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|--------|
| Excess of Assets over Liabilities | \$ | 528.95 |
|-----------------------------------|----|--------|

STATISTICAL TABLE

For 1955-1956

| School | Total Enrollment | Total Average Attendance | Total Average Absence | Percent of Attendance | Average Tardiness |
|------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Benton St. | 14 | 10.6 | .3 | 96.6 | 4.4 |

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1956

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----|----------|
| Cash on hand July 1, 1955 | \$ | 106.59 |
| Received from Selectmen | | |
| Current Appropriation | \$ | 3,013.38 |
| Bal. Previous Appropriation | | 439.14 |
| Received from State Treasurer | | |
| State Funds | | 2,817.14 |
| Federal Funds | | 449.56 |
| Received from Tuitions | | 411.44 |
| Rec. as Income from Trust Funds | | 53.84 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 7,184.50 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total Amount Available for | | |
| Fiscal Year | \$ | 7,291.09 |
| Less School Board Orders Paid | | 7,170.39 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Balance on hand June 30, 1956 | \$ | 120.70 |

LENA COLLINS
Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Benton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956 and find them correct in all respects.

MILDRED ELLIOTT
Auditor

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton :

I herewith submit my fourteenth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The total enrollment of the Benton Street School in 1955-1956 was 14, the average membership 10.97 and the percent of attendance 96.6. Of the 14 enrolled at Benton last year, four were tuition pupils from Easton. There were 12 pupils enrolled in other districts; one pupil attended the high school at Haverhill; five pupils attended Woodsville High and six elementary pupils attended school at Warren.

At the Benton Street School this year the total enrollment is 12. There are 5 elementary pupils attending at Warren, one high school pupil attending Haverhill, four at Woodsville and one at Plymouth.

Now that Pembroke Sanitorium has closed, more children are enrolled at the Glenclyff Sanitorium. Some of these children are able to continue their studies and we are cooperating with Miss Witham towards their instruction. Correspondence courses are supplied by the school district of the child's residence. Mrs. Boemig has supplied some elementary materials to the children. At times a visiting teacher may be required.

Work is progressing well at the Benton Street School. Should you have an opportunity to visit school you will see interesting projects in science and other areas of instruction. The children are happy in their work and enjoy the school activities sponsored by Mrs. Boemig, their teacher.

Mrs. Dorothy Moulton, School Nurse, visits school regularly, checking the children's growth and health.

Mrs. Russell has been very helpful with Polio clinics and all matters of health pertaining to the community.

Your School Board is to be commended for its interest in the welfare and education of Benton children. I wish to thank each of you who help us in this important work.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A. PERHAM
Superintendent of Schools

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXPENDITURES 1955-1956

Administration

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|-------|
| 1. Salaries of District Officers | | |
| Ethel Boutin, School Board | \$ | 13.00 |
| Lulu Clark, School Board | | 12.00 |
| James Leonard, School Board | | 10.00 |
| Mildred Elliott, Auditor | | 6.00 |
| Lena Collins, Treasurer | | 15.00 |
| Ethel Boutin, Clerk | | 10.50 |
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| | \$ | 66.50 |
| 2. Superintendent's Salary | | |
| Treasurer, Super. Union #34 | | 65.60 |
| 3. Tax for Statewide Supervision | | |
| Treas. State of New Hampshire | | 50.00 |
| 4. Salaries of other Admin. Personnel | | |
| Ethel Boutin, census | \$ | 8.00 |
| Forrest Clark, Truant Officer | | 5.00 |
| Treasurer, Super. Union #34, | | |
| Superintendent's Secretary | | 35.20 |
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| | | 48.20 |
| 5. Supplies & Expenses | | |
| Treasurer, Super. Union #34, | | |
| Travel and expenses | \$ | 34.24 |
| N. H. School Board Assn., dues | | 10.00 |
| Town & Country Press, env. | | 2.52 |
| Lena Collins, postage | | 2.25 |
| Ethel Boutin, telephone | | 1.00 |
| Bank Service charge | | 7.04 |
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| | | 57.05 |

Instruction

| | | |
|---------------------|----|----------|
| 6. Teacher's Salary | | |
| Romina Boemig | \$ | 2,130.39 |

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|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Col. of Internal Revenue | 444.88 | |
| N. H. Teachers' Retirement | 208.80 | |
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| | | 2,784.07 |
| 7. Books and other Instructional Aids | | |
| American Education Pub. | \$ 6.00 | |
| Houghton Mifflin Co. | 11.49 | |
| Scott, Foresman & Co. | 10.12 | |
| J. C. Winston Co. | 12.00 | |
| Allyn & Bacon | 7.04 | |
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| | | 46.65 |
| 8. Scholars' Supplies | | |
| Clark's Hardware, | | |
| basketball | \$ 2.93 | |
| J. L. Hammett Co. | 84.64 | |
| Hill's Firestone | 3.25 | |
| Lisbon Spec. School Dist., sup. | 7.19 | |
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| | | 98.01 |
| 10. Supplies & Other Expenses | | |
| Ethel Boutin, telephone | \$ 3.00 | |
| Brown Saltmarsh, school vouch. | 12.47 | |
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| | | 15.47 |
| Operation of School Plant | | |
| 11. Janitor's Salary | | |
| Mildred Elliott | | 410.88 |
| 12. Fuel or Heat | | |
| John Boutin | \$ 80.00 | |
| Clyde Elliott, kindling | 10.00 | |
| Seavey's Garage, aerosol bomb | 1.25 | |
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| | | 91.25 |
| 13. Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses | | |
| Mildred Elliott, kero., sup. | \$ 7.97 | |
| Kelley's I.G.A. store | 2.39 | |

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|--------------------------|------|
| Stymest Co., light bulbs | 2.68 |
| Scrugg's Hardware | 1.59 |
| Norine Hood, supplies | 2.60 |

 17.23
Maintenance of School Plant

14. Repairs & Replacements

| | | |
|--|----|-------|
| Mildred Elliott, cleaning | \$ | 20.00 |
| Ethel Boutin, cleaning | | 15.00 |
| A. J. Boutin, cleaning | | 4.00 |
| Mildred Elliott, labor on cellar and supplies | | 29.60 |
| James Elliott, labor | | 2.70 |
| Harvey Byron, furnace repair | | 6.00 |
| Scrugg's Hardware, supplies | | 5.25 |

 82.55
Auxiliary Activities

15. Health Supervision

| | | |
|----------------------------|----|-------|
| E. B. Mann, medical sup. | \$ | 5.63 |
| Evelyn Bigelow, inspection | | 22.56 |

 28.19

16. Transportation

| | | |
|-------------------|----|--------|
| Linwood Tewksbury | \$ | 130.64 |
| Joseph Boutin | | 101.00 |
| Marcia Anderson | | 330.00 |
| Seraphine Harris | | 40.00 |

 601.64

17. Tuition

| | | |
|----------------------------|----|----------|
| Woodsville School District | | |
| Clarence Knox, Treas. | \$ | 1,191.64 |
| Warren School District | | |
| Marcia Anderson, Treas. | | 900.00 |

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| Haverhill School District | | | |
| Daniel Carr, Treas. | | 275.00 | |
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| | | | 2,366.64 |
| Fixed Charges | | | |
| 19. Retirement | | | |
| N. H. Teachers' Retire. | | \$ 190.96 | |
| Treas., Super. Union #34 | | 6.40 | |
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| | | | 197.36 |
| 20. Insurance | | | |
| R. T. Bartlett, Community | | | |
| Building | | \$ 54.10 | |
| George Quig, Treas. Bond | | 4.00 | |
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| | | | 58.10 |
| Capital Outlay | | | |
| 23. New Equipment | | | |
| Woodsville Furniture Store, | | | |
| part payment on chairs | | | 85.00 |
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| Total | | \$ | 7,170.39 |

Births Registered In The Town Of Benton, N. H. For The Year Ending December 31, 1956

| Date of Birth and Name of Child | Sex | | Living or Stillborn | No. of Child | Name of Father | Maiden Name of Mother | Residence of Parents | Birthplace of Father | Birthplace of Mother |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---|------------------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956 | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb. 17 | Ella Marion McLeod | F | L | 8 | John Ernest McLeod | Marion E. Cate | Benton | New Hampshire | New Hampshire |
| July 4 | Diana Lynn Boutin | F | L | 1 | Albert Jos. Boutin | Mabel E. Guyette | Benton | Woodsville, N. H. | Raymond, N. H. |
| July 21 | Norman Ira Webb | M | L | 2 | Beverly Harold Webb | Charlotte Elliott | Benton | Bradford, Vt. | Benton, N. H. |
| Sept. 7 | Mary Louise Boutin | F | L | 4 | Joseph N. Boutin | Priscilla Paradie | Benton | Glenciff, N. H. | Woodsville, N. H. |

Marriages Registered In The Town Of Benton, N. H. For The Year Ending December 31, 1956

| Date and Place of Marriage | Name and Surname of Groom and Bride | Residence of Each at Time of Marriage | Occupation of Groom and Bride | Names of Parents | Name, Residence, and Official Station of Person by Whom Married |
|----------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|
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| 1956 | | | | | |
| March 30 | William Clinton Smith, Sr. Virginia W. Bascom | Haverhill, N. H. Benton, N. H. | 56 Machinist 60 Unemployed | Byron Edward Smith Orilla Jane Hendrick Franklin Pierce Wilkinson Virginia Idell Theberge | Gerald F. Muller Haverhill, N. H. Congregational Minister |
| May 26 | Richard A. Wright Rita Louise Menard | Warren, N. H. Benton, N. H. | 20 Truck Driver 20 At Home | George I. Wright Martha Foot Forrest Clark Lulu M. Tattersall | Gerald F. Muller Haverhill, N. H. Congregational Minister |

Deaths Registered In The Town Of Benton, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1956

| Date and Cause of Death | Name and Surname of Deceased | Age | Place of Birth | Single, Married or Widowed | Name of Father | Maiden Name of Mother | Occupation |
|---|------------------------------|-----|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 1956 | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 10 Pul. T'culosis | Evelyn Elise Wanner | 34 | Lempster, N. H. | S | Jacob Wanner | Ada Baker | Teacher |
| Feb. 15 Pul. T'culosis | Amelia Mercier | 60 | Canada | M | Joseph Gregoir | Mathilda Routhier | Housewife |
| Feb. 17 Carcinoma of Lung | Alfred Christopherson | 54 | N. Swanzev, N. H. | S | Walter Christopherson | Jennie Eklund | Farmer |
| Feb. 22 Myocardial Infection | William H. Crowe | 80 | Westboro, Mass. | M | James Crowe | Mary Ryan | Meat Cutfier (ret'd) |
| Mar. 24 Art. Sci. Heart Cond. | Matilda Crimmins | 99 | Canada | S | John Crimmins | Ellen Kelley | Housework |
| May 19 Chr. Intestinal Obsr. | Joseph L. Nelson | 57 | New Hampshire | S | Joseph Nelson | Ellen Dorian | Railroad |
| June 7 Carcinoma of Lung | Henry T. Pender | 67 | Lowell, Mass. | M | John Pender | Bridget Donahue | Textile Worker |
| July 12 Chr. Pul. Emphysema | Edward Simonds | 75 | Hill, N. H. | S | George Simonds | Mary Jane Dustin | Laundry Worker |
| July 21 Pul. T'culosis | Oiva Waino Taipale | 66 | Finland | M | Matti Rauhala | Unknown | Farming |
| Aug. 14 Pul. T'culosis | John William Bates | 70 | Pembroke, N. H. | S | Stephen A. Bates | Catherine Scannell | House Painter |
| Aug. 22 Pul. T'culosis | Harry D. Craigue | 74 | Concord, N. H. | W | Daniel B. Craigue | Martha Rollins | Retired |
| Oct. 18 Bilat. Pul. T'culosis | Donald M. Parker | 61 | Hillsboro, N. H. | S | Jesse Parker | Heien McKeelip | Chef |
| Oct. 21 Chr. gastritis with obstr.-prob. c'cerous | Marcin Sobkowicz | 66 | Poland | S | Joseph Sobkowisz | Mary Puczenka | Textile Worker |
| Nov. 7 Acute Broncho-pneumonia | Charlotte M. Stewart | 39 | Salem, Mass. | M | Richard Quinn | Hilda Robinson | Shoe Shop |

